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Hi -

I wanted to give my comments on the proposed remedy for Microsoft vs. DOJ.

I am a computer consultant, and I make my living using Microsoft software. I believe Microsoft has done nothing that other companies such as Oracle or IBM wouldn't have done if they could. That said, I do believe Microsoft has a monopoly on desktop operating systems, and just as importantly, office software. Specifically, there is no competition to Microsoft office.

This situation is bad for the economy since Microsoft can continue to add "features" to either Office or one of its operating systems, forcing smaller companies and businesses such as mine to go bankrupt. I believe in the not-to-distant future Microsoft will start integrating a database into its operating system, and this will have an adverse affect on Oracle corporation, the #2 software company in the United States.

To remedy this situation, I believe there are two possible courses. The first is to force Microsoft to spin off their Operating System development and sales into a separate company. The second is to force Microsoft to spin off Microsoft Office development and sales into a separate company. Either of these two remedies will have the desired effect of creating more competition, and a more stable economy since it requires either monopoly to compete more evenly with other software.

Thank you,
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